

Evangelism Committee meeting minutes, June 16, 2008

In attendance: Bob Lundholm, Dee Lancaster, Marilyn Schillo, Karen Walburn

Opening prayer by Bob Lundholm

Reviewed minutes from May 19, 2008 meeting, accepted as submitted.

Greeting and visitation ministries are going pretty well.

Visitor bread, have been seeing visitor bread infrequently of late. Follow-up letters being sent to all who are first time visitors as well. We will not schedule visitor bread into July at this time, will discuss at July meeting.

Reviewed budget. Our \$500 budget has had one \$177 expense for what appears to be a mailing. Leaving \$323 in the budget.

I have confirmed with Pastor Chris Martin a date of September 20, 2008 for a class on greeters/ushers to be conducted at BUMC, same as the one Doug Huth and I attended at Windermere UMC. This will be for area UMC churches and not internal to BUMC. Evangelism would do refreshments, setup, cleanup, etc. Church office will send out letters to local Churches and the Northcoast District will publicize to all Churches in the district. Attendees are to confirm their attendance with our Church office who will tally the count. The mailing(s) and refreshments will be an expense for the committee.

The Lay Leadership committee is working on staffing "Hospitality Teams" which will include ushers, greeters and other functions for hospitality on Sundays. The team will be under Worship committee so responsibility for greeters will no longer be under Evangelism once these teams are in place. It is envisioned these will be 4 teams, one for each week of the month with the occasional fifth Sunday being covered by one of those teams as well, or volunteers off those teams. One member from each team will be an ad hoc member of Worship Committee as envisioned. Anyone having interest in serving on one of those teams should contact Pastor Karen or Lay Leadership committee.

Visitor bags, we still have some left. They have not been put out regularly and not really a convenient place with Summer Worship in Fellowship Hall, pick this back up when we return the Sanctuary?

Committee will work with Pastor Karen on future new membership classes.

A topic for next meeting, discussed at this meeting. Evangelism will consider doing follow-up on members who are no longer attending, from a list provided by office and filtered so individuals where we know the reasons are removed. This contact needs to be done with a consideration for privacy and with tact. Doing so as our changes in the Fall are nearing makes sense, advise them of the changes, see if they were aware of the changes, and perhaps get them to return or determine reason for absence. Possibly do same for visitors who have not returned.

As indicated in the Good Word the Church will have a booth at Brecksville Home Days again this year with Cherry Pies, Pulled Pork Sandwiches, etc. Anyone interested in helping with this should sign up to help.

Next meeting July 21, 2008.

Bob Lundholm  
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